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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - SECURITY OF MAT CHARTER FLIGHT FROM
BERLIN (TEGEL) TO TEL AVIV

1. AT CIVIL AIR ATTACHE MEETING FEBRUARY 4, FRENCH CAA (DE BOISSIEU) SAID HIS BERLIN MILITARY GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES WERE CONCERNED OVER THE POSSIBILITY OF GUERRILLA ACTIVITY OF SOME KIND AGAINST A MODERN AIR TRANSPORT CHARTER FLIGHT FROM TEGEL (FRENCH SECTOR) ON FEBRUARY 10. THE FLIGHT, CARRYING BERLINERS, WILL RETURN ON FEBRUARY 20.

2. THE FRENCH HAD NO SPECIFIC INFORMATION AT ALL EITHER THAT SOME THREAT HAD BEEN MADE OR THAT OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES EXISTED TO CAUSE SUSPICION. THEIR CONCERN, THEY SAY, IS BASED ONLY ON (A) THE ASSUMPTION THAT A US AIRCRAFT BOUND FOR TEL AVIV CARRYING PASSENGERS WHO MAY BE PARTLY OF JEWISH ORIGIN MIGHT BE A SUITABLE GUERRILLA TARGET, AND (B) THE FACT THAT TEGEL'S RELATIVE ISOLATION IN A WOODED AREA MAY MAKE IT MORE VULNERABLE TO CERTAIN TYPES OF ATTACK THAN OTHER AIRPORTS.

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3. DE BOISSIEU SAID THE FRENCH AUTHORITIES WOULD TAKE
EXTRA, BUT NOT CONSPICUOUS SECURITY MEASURES AT TEGEL
FOR THE FLIGHT. US AND UK CAA'S SAID THEY WOULD INFORM
THEIR RESPECTIVE MISSIONS IN BERLIN, SO THAT THEY WOULD
BE AWARE OF FRENCH CONCERN AND COULD LEND ANY ASSISTANCE
WHICH MIGHT BE REQUESTED IF THERE WERE ANY TROUBLE.
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